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#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

TERESA WASSON, an individual, and WASSON ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Georgia Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

AMERICAN EAGLE INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC, a Utah limited liability company, CLARK R. POWELL, an individual, and DOUGLAS A. McCLAIN, an individual.

Defendants.

**COMPLAINT** 

Judge Tena Campbell

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Plaintiffs Teresa Wasson ("Wasson") and Wasson Enterprises, LLC ("Wasson Enterprises") hereby complain of Defendants American Eagle Investment Company, LLC ("American"), Clark R. Powell ("Powell"), and Douglas A. McClain ("McClain") as follows:

- 1. Wasson is an individual resident of Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2. Wasson Enterprises is a Georgia limited liability company.

- 3. Defendant American is a Utah limited liability company doing business in the State of Utah.
- 4. Upon information and belief, Defendant Powell is an individual residing in Cedar City, Utah.
- 5. Upon information and belief, Defendant McClain is an individual residing in Utah.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 6. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332. There is diversity of citizenship between the parties and the amount of controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of costs and interest.
  - 7. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 8. By written Agreement dated March 26, 2005, Wasson and Wasson Enterprises loaned \$500,000 to American (the "Agreement") (See copy of the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference).
- 9. Pursuant to the Agreement, Wasson and Wasson Enterprises wire transferred \$500,000 to First American Title Insurance Company to be used by American.
- 10. American promised to repay the \$500,000 to Wasson and Wasson Enterprises together with a consulting fee of \$76,000 no later than April 13, 2005.
  - 11. The loan was personally guaranteed by Powell.

- 12. The Agreement further provided that the loan was to be secured by 343,053 shares of Composite Technology Corporation ("CPTC") stock which had a value of \$1,000,000 as of March 24, 2005.
- 13. The CPTC stock was to be held in trust by McClain for the benefit of Wasson and Wasson Enterprises in the event that the loan was not repaid.
- 14. Subsequently, on or about April 15, 2005, Wasson and Wasson Enterprises loaned an additional \$86,000.00 to American.
- 15. Despite numerous demands, American, Powell, and McClain have failed and/or refused to repay the \$662,000.00 due and owing or to provide Plaintiffs with the CPTC stock that was to be held as collateral for repayment of the loan.
- 16. Upon information and belief, the CPTC stock was never held in trust for the benefit of Wasson and Wasson Enterprises.

### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Breach of Contract)

- 17. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth hereat.
- 18. Plaintiffs entered into a valid and enforceable contract with American, Powell, and McClain whereby Defendants were to repay \$576,000.00 to Wasson and Wasson Enterprises no later than April 13, 2005.
- 19. Plaintiffs entered into a second agreement whereby Defendants agreed to repay an additional \$86,000.00 that Plaintiffs loaned to Defendants.
- 20. Defendants materially breached these Agreements by failing and refusing to repay the money due and owing and by failing and refusing to provide the CPTC stock to plaintiffs.

21. By reason of Defendants' material breaches of the Agreements, Plaintiffs have been damaged in an amount of not less than \$662,000.00 together with prejudgment interest; attorneys' fees and costs.

## SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Breach of Implied Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

- 22. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth hereat.
- 23. Plaintiffs and Defendants entered into valid and enforceable agreements. The agreement contained an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.
- 24. Defendants breached their duties of good faith and fair dealing by, among other things, failing and/or refusing to repay the money due and owing pursuant to the Agreements, and by failing to provide the CPTC stock to Plaintiffs.
- 25. By reason of Defendants breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, Plaintiffs have been damaged in an amount of not less than \$662,000.00 together with prejudgment interest, attorneys' fees, and costs.

# THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

- 26. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference the allegations of the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth hereat.
- 27. Pursuant to the Agreement, 343,053 shares of CPTC stock was to be held in trust by McClain for Plaintiffs' benefit as collateral in the event that American and Powell failed to repay their obligations pursuant to the Agreement.

- 28. As Trustee, McClain owed Plaintiffs a fiduciary duty to hold the CPTC stock as collateral and to provide the CPTC stock to Plaintiffs in the event the Defendants failed to repay their obligations under the Agreement.
- 29. McClain breached his fiduciary duty by, among other things, failing to hold the CPTC stock as collateral and to provide the stock to Plaintiffs to satisfy the amount due and owing under the Agreement.
- 30. By reason of McClain's breach of his fiduciary duties, Plaintiffs have been damaged in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 31. McClain's actions are the result of willful and malicious conduct or conduct that manifests a knowing and reckless indifference toward, and disregard of the rights of Plaintiffs.

  Accordingly, Plaintiffs are entitled to punitive damages.

## FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Unjust Enrichment/Quantum Meruit)

- 32. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference the allegations of the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth hereat.
- 33. Plaintiffs conferred a benefit upon Defendants by, among other things, loaning them money and by providing consulting services.
- 34. Defendants appreciated and had knowledge of the benefits conferred upon them by Plaintiffs.
- 35. The retention and acceptance of these benefits by Defendants under the circumstances would be inequitable without payment of their value.
- 36. By reason of Defendants' unjust enrichment, Plaintiffs are entitled to damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

### FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Money Had And Received)

- 37. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations of the preceding paragraphs of the Complain as if fully set forth hereat.
  - 38. Defendants obtained and received \$586,000.00 from Plaintiffs.
- 39. The money received by Defendants should, in equity and good conscience, be returned to Plaintiffs.
- 40. Accordingly, Plaintiffs are entitled to the return of the money they loaned to

  Defendants together with Prejudgment interest, attorney's fees, and costs, and such other relief as
  the Court deems just in the premises.

### SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Conversion)

- 41. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth hereat.
- 42. Defendants have assumed exercise and control over the CPTC stock and the money loaned to Defendants without Plaintiffs' authority.
  - 43. The CPTC stock and money rightfully belong to Plaintiffs.
- 44. Defendants unauthorized and wrongful exercise of dominion and control over the CPTC stock and loan proceeds to the exclusion of or inconsistent with the rights of Plaintiffs constitutes a conversion.
- 45. By reason of Defendants' conversion, Plaintiffs have been damaged in an amount to be determined at trial.

46. Defendants' unlawful dominion and control over the CPTC stock and loan proceeds are the result of willful and malicious conduct, or conduct that manifests a knowing and reckless indifference toward, and disregard of the rights of Plaintiffs. Accordingly, Plaintiffs are entitled to punitive damages.

#### SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Accounting)

- 47. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth hereat.
- 48. McClain owed Plaintiffs a fiduciary duty to hold the CPTC stock as collateral for the repayment of the loan.
- 49. Defendants have failed and refused to provide the CPTC stock for repayment of the loan.
- 50. Defendants should be required to make an accounting of the CPTC stock and the loan proceeds.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for Judgment against Defendants as follows:

- A. For judgment in an amount of not less than \$662,000.00 together with prejudgment interest;
  - B. For attorney's fees and costs in bringing this suit;
  - C. For such further relief as the Court deems just and proper in the premises;
  - D. For punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- E. For an injunction precluding Defendants from transferring the CPTC stock to anyone other than Plaintiffs.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August 2005.

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#### **CIVIL COVER SHEET** VERSION FOR USE IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleaning for other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974; is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)

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